Public Notice of an Air Pollution Permit Application Review

Facility Description.

Smart Sand Inc - Hixton, located at W14822 Green Acres Road, Hixton, Jackson County, Wisconsin, FID 627023210, submitted to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) a permit application, including plans and specifications for construction and operation of an industrial sand mine and processing plant. Air pollution construction permit no. 14-POY-155, and permit 627023210-F01, a synthetic minor permit. The existing facility has a registration operation permit 627023210-ROPA for the mine. The proposed project is subject to a new source performance standard. By rule, after the proposed project, the facility will no longer be eligible for a registration operation permit. Notice is also given for the withdrawal of registration operation permit coverage for the facility.

Application Review.

DNR has made a preliminary determination that the application meets state and federal air pollution control requirements and that the permit should be approved. You can review the permit application, the DNR's analysis and draft permit prepared by the DNR at the Department of Natural Resources Bureau of Air Management Headquarters, Seventh Floor, 101 South Webster Street, Madison, Wisconsin, 53703; West Central Region Headquarters, 1300 W Clairemt, Eau Claire, WI 54701, tel. (715) 839-3756; and at the Taylor Memorial Library, PO Box 130, 420 2nd St., Taylor, WI 54659, or contact Paul Yeung at (608) 266-0672 or by e-mail at paul.yeung@wisconsin.gov. This information is also available for downloading from the Internet at http://dnr.wi.gov/cias/am/amexternal/AM_PermitTrackingSearch.aspx.

The department has made the determination under ch. NR 150, Wis. Adm. Code, that this type of proposal normally does not have the potential to cause significant adverse environmental or secondary effects. This is a preliminary determination and does not constitute a final approval from the Air Management Program or any other DNR sections which may also require a review of the project.

Public Comments.

Interested persons wishing to comment on the application or DNR's review of it should do so within 30 days of publication of this notice. Posting and Public Comment Deadline dates can also be found on "Air permit public notices" web page located at http://dnr.wi.gov/cias/am/amexternal/public_notices.aspx. Comments or request for hearing should be sent to:

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Bureau of Air Management, 101 S. Webster Street, Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707-7921. Attn.: Paul O. Yeung.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to ss. 285.13(1), 285.61(7) and 285.62(5), Wis. Stats., DNR will hold a public hearing, at the request of the applicant, to receive public comments on the air pollution control permit application submitted by Smart Sand Inc – Hixton.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the public hearing will be held:

On Thursday, February 19, 2015 at 2 pm Hixton Village Hall 145 East Main Hixton, WI 54635

Information on the public commenting and hearing process is available at http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/AirPermits/Process.html.

Reasonable accommodation, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be provided for qualified individuals with disabilities upon request.

STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
For the Secretary

By /s/ Kristin Hart

Kristin L. Hart, Chief Permits and Stationary Source Modeling Section